

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently Amended) A method of designing a logic circuit to provide a predetermined logical operation, the method including the steps of:
 - (a) defining a logic synthesis block comprising a single dynamic logic circuit;
 - (b) performing logic synthesis for the predetermined logical operation to produce an intermediate circuit, the logic synthesis being performed utilizing a synthesis library constrained to the logic synthesis block;
 - (c) eliminating unused devices in the intermediate circuit to produce a final circuit;
 - and
 - (d) sizing the devices in the final circuit.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of defining the logic synthesis block includes selecting the largest practical dynamic AND/OR circuit for the integrated circuit fabrication technology in which the circuit is to be implemented.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein the logic synthesis block comprises a four high and four wide dynamic AND/OR circuit.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of performing logic synthesis includes leaving the size of the devices in the logic synthesis block substantially unconstrained.

1 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of eliminating unused devices from
2 the intermediate circuit includes detecting devices having a state that remains constant as
3 the intermediate circuit operates to provide the predetermined logical operation.

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5 6. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of sizing the devices in the final
6 circuit includes analyzing the final circuit to determine the characteristics of each device
7 in the final circuit necessary in order to consistently provide the predetermined logical
8 operation and meet drive requirements.

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10 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the logic synthesis block uses a single
11 activation/reset clock signal.

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13 8. (Currently Amended) A method of synthesizing a logic circuit to provide a
14 predetermined logical operation, the method including the steps of:
15 (a) defining a logic synthesis block comprising a single dynamic logic circuit; and
16 (b) performing logic synthesis for the predetermined logical operation to produce an
17 intermediate circuit, the logic synthesis utilizing a synthesis library constrained to
18 the single dynamic logic circuit comprising the logic synthesis block.

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20 9. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the step of defining the logic synthesis block
21 includes selecting the largest practical dynamic AND/OR circuit for the fabrication
22 technology in which the circuit for performing the predetermined logical operation is to
23 be implemented.

- 1 10. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the logic synthesis block comprises a four
2 high and four wide dynamic AND/OR circuit.
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- 4 11. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the step of performing logic synthesis for the
5 predetermined logical operation includes leaving device size in the logic synthesis block
6 substantially unconstrained.
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- 8 12. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the dynamic logic circuit comprising the logic
9 synthesis block operates using a single activation/reset clock signal.
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- 11 13. (Currently Amended) In a circuit design method utilizing a logic synthesis tool and
12 predefined logic circuit library to provide a logic implementation for a predetermined
13 logical operation, the improvement comprising:
14 (a) defining a logic synthesis block comprising a single dynamic logic circuit; and
15 (b) constraining the logic synthesis tool to the logic synthesis block.
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- 17 14. (Original) The method of Claim 13 wherein the logic synthesis tool produces an
18 intermediate circuit design which performs the predetermined logical operation, and
19 further including the steps of:
20 (a) eliminating unused devices in the intermediate circuit design to produce a final
21 circuit; and
22 (b) sizing the devices in the final circuit.
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1 15. (Original) The method of Claim 13 wherein the step of defining the logic synthesis block
2 includes selecting the largest practical dynamic AND/OR circuit for the circuit fabrication
3 technology in which the circuit design is to be implemented.

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5 16. (Original) The method of Claim 13 wherein the logic synthesis block comprises a four
6 high and four wide dynamic AND/OR circuit.

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8 17. (Original) The method of Claim 13 further including the step of leaving the device size
9 in the logic synthesis block substantially unconstrained for the logic synthesis tool.

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11 18. (Original) The method of Claim 13 wherein the logic synthesis block uses a single
12 activation/reset clock input.